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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Peter Knappe et al.  
Serial No.: 10/018,923  
Filed: March 20, 2002  
For: BACK-FLUSHABLE SPIRAL  
WOUND FILTER AND METHODS  
OF MAKING AND USING SAME.  
Group Art  
Unit: 1723  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003, to which a shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 17, 2003, please amend the claims as set forth hereinafter.